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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,7-11 and 18-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 7-11 and 18-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claims 4, 5, 7-11 and 18-23 are presented for examination.

The amendments and remarks filed on October 4, 2004 have been received and entered.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the office action of February 5, 2003.

Claims 7-11 and 18-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the office action of February 5, 2003 and the reasons set forth on page 2 of the office action of June 2, 2004.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 7, 9, 10, 11, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for certain prostaglandin analogues which are selective agonist for EP1 prostanoid receptors, does not reasonably provide enablement for all selective agonists for EP1 prostanoid receptors which are capable of treating glaucoma or ocular hypertension. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The factors to be considered in determining whether a disclosure meets the enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, have been described in *In re Wands*, 8 USPQ2d 1400 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Among these factors are:

1) The nature of the invention:

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The claims are drawn to a method of treating glaucoma or ocular hypertension using a selective agonist for EP1 prostanoid receptors.

2) The state of the prior art:

The prior art recognizes that the modification of prostaglandin skeleton introduces new and unexpected features. e.g. U.S. Patent 5,296,504 teaches that the modification of the omega chain of prostaglandin skeleton introduces new and unexpected features to prostaglandins with respect to ocular irritation. Thus, the state of the art does not recognize that all prostaglandin analogues which are selective agonist for EP1 receptor are expected to have the same type of activity

3) The relative skill of those in the art:

The relative skill of those in the art is high.

4) The predictability and unpredictability of the art:

The unpredictability of the pharmaceutical and chemical art is high.

5) The breadth of the claims:

The claims are very broad and encompass the use of any prostaglandin analogues, which is selective agonist for EP1 prostanoid receptor for the treatment of glaucoma or ocular hypertension.

6) The amount of direction or guidance presented:

Applicant's specification provides guidance and it is only enabled for the treatment of glaucoma using a few prostaglandin analogs, which is selective agonist for EP1 prostanoid receptors. However, the specification provides no guidance, to enable one of ordinary skilled in the art to use the invention commensurate in scope with the

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claims. In re Dreshfield, 110 F.2d 235, 45 USPQ 36 (CCPA 1940), gives this general rule: " It is well settled that in cases involving chemical and chemical compounds, which differ radically in their properties it must appear in an applicant's specification either by enumeration of a sufficient number of the members of a group or by other appropriate language, that the chemicals or chemical combinations included in the claims are capable of accomplishing the desired results". Applicant's specification does not set forth a representative number of examples of prostaglandin analogues, which are selective agonists of EP1 prostanoid receptors, which are capable of treating glaucoma or ocular hypertension.

7) The presence or absence of working examples:

The examples in applicant's specification are drawn to the use of a few of prostaglandin analogues selective for EP1 prostanoid receptors, which are capable of treating glaucoma or ocular hypertension.

8) The quantity of experimentation necessary:

Since compound structure and activity for each pharmaceutical use must be determined from case to case by painstaking experimental study, one of ordinary skill in the art would be burdened with undue experimentation to determine all prostaglandin analogues, which are selective agonist of EP1 prostanoid receptor and which are capable of treating glaucoma or ocular hypertension.

Applicant's arguments and remarks have been carefully considered, but are not deemed to be persuasive. Applicant's arguments regarding claim 4 is not well taken. Applicant alleges criticality to the ophthalmic composition of the claimed invention in

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comparison with composition taught by the prior art. Applicant is reminded that composition is a compound in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The new use for an old composition does not create a patentably distinct composition. Applicant's attention is drawn to *In re Dillon*, 16 USPQ2nd 1897 at 1900 (CAFC 1990). The court sitting in banc ruled that the recitation of a new utility for an old and well known composition does not render that composition new. Applicant's arguments regarding to claims 7-11 and 18-23 are not also well taken for the reasons discussed in the office action of June 4, 2004. Applicant is reminded that treating glaucoma inherently involves the long term use of anti-glaucoma drugs.

Claim 5 at present time is considered to be allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zohreh Fay whose telephone number is (571) 272-0573. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on (571) 272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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